THE FAIR PLAY.

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LEE'S CONFESSION.

John D. Lee, the Mormon monster and leader of the band of Brigham Young's followers who, on the 10th of

the terms proposed were accepted, due to without distrust. I had as little to say as possible. In fact, my tongue refused its office. I sat down on the ground in the corral, near where some young men were engaged in paxing their has respects to some person who had just died of a wound. A large, fleshy o'd lady came to me twice, and taiked while I sat there. She related their trombles, and said that seven of their manber were killed, and IT wounded in the first attack; that several had died since. She asked me if I was an Indian agent! I said, in one sense I am; as the Government has appointed ine farmer to the Indians. I told her this to satisfy her. I heard afterwards the same manner by Mefarland, who had been sent by Highes to the fortal on hurry me up, far fear that the Indians might come lack and be upon them. When all was ready samuel McMardy, compared to the Bishop. P. K. Smith, and Klingen Smith, drove out on the lead. His wagon had the sevenicen children, clothing and arms. Simuel Knilged men and one boy about I years old. I walked behind the front wagon, to direct the course and shun being in the hear of the slaughter, but this I kept to myself. When we got turned fairly to the east I motioned to McMurdy to steer north, across the walley: I at the same time tool the wagon, to follow the road up to the troops, which they did. Instead of saying to McMurdy not to drive so fast, as he aware to on the trial, I saidly the contrary, to drive on, as my aim was to get out of sight before the firing commenced, which be did. We were about haif a mile ahead of the company when we heard the first firing of the company when we heard the first firing of the company when we heard the first firing of the company when we heard the first firing of the company when we heard the first firing of the company when we heard the first firing of the company when we heard the first firing of the company when we heard the first firing of the company when we heard the first firing of the company when we heard the first firing of th which he did. We were about and a mice anexa of the company when we heard the first firing. We had drove over a ridge of rolling ground and down on a low flat. The firing was simultaneous along the whole line. The mement firing com-menced McMardy halted and tied his increacross down on a low flat. The firing was simultaneous along the whole line. The moment flring considered whole line is the moment flring considered his his lineacacross the rod of his wagon, box, slepped down, coolly, with a double-larreled shot-gun, wathed back to Knight's wagon, who had the wounded men, and was about twenty icet in the rear. As he raised his piece, he said, "Lord, my God, receive their spirits, for it is for the Knighton of Heaven's sake that we do this." He fired and hilled two men. Sam" Knight had a muzzie loading rifle, and he first and he wounded boy on the head, who fell dead. In the meantime I drew a five shooter from my belt, which accidentally went off, cutting across Memoring lac; look where the ball cut," pointing to the piace in his pants. At this moment bears the scream of a child. Hosked up and shouted, altitle boy by the hair of the head, alragging him out of the hind-end of the wagon, with a knile in his hand ready to cut his form. It allows a little boy by the bair of his head, alragging him out of the hind-end of the wagon, with a knile in his hand ready to cut his form. It allows the children of the wagon low as the Indian, revolver in his child than another Indian seized a little girl in the hair of the head. I had no sooner rescued him the wagon in queet of biood, and dispead it his loud die before they should be hurt; that we would have head all his die would as a steeper that the wagon in queet of biood, and dispead it had would the before they should be form; that I would say, that if my the head in the wagon in queet of biood, and dispead it had would the before they should be form; that would have head a little fire they should be harden and prematurely explosed it would say, that if my the wood and the word of myself, and scarce knew the street of the wood of the wagon in queet of blood, and dispead the would be word of the hind-end of the latter was the lending the wood of the wagon in queet of blood, and the street is statement, I would say, that if my the wood of the wo

what I was about. I saw an Indian pursue a little girl who was fleeing. He caught her about 160 feet from the wagon and plunged his kuife through her. I said to McMurdy he had better drive the children to Hambila's Ranch and give them some nourishment while I would go down and get my horse at the camp. Passing along the road I saw the dead strung along for a distance of about half a mile. The women and children were killed by the Indians. I saw Shurtz with the Indians and no other white man with them. When I came to the men they lay about a rod apart. Here I came up with fligbee, flishop such and the rest of the company. As I came up flighee said to me: Let us search these persons for valuables; and asked me to assist him and gave me his hat to hold. Several men were aiready engaged in searching the bodies. I replied, I was navelland wanted to get on my horse and go to the ranch and nurse myself. My request was granted. Reaching Hambilin's ranch, John D. Lee, the Mormon monstery and leader of the hand of Brights with the property of the pr

at San Francisco, recently. A sailor returned from sea, and found his young then tried to throw her from the win-

dren leave us?" Well, some desire to passenger, had passed over it. The grow rich rapidly and rush off to the train was running at a rapid speed, the Black Hills; some fall in love with cir- grade being very heavy. The engine poetry and starve to death. There may by the whole train was thrown from the nounces him a most venomous

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Senate, on the 19th, passed the following bills: Directing the State Board of Equalization to assess, adjust and equalize the Equalization to assess, adjust and equalize the railroad property in the State of Missouri for the years 1878-7; establishing a uniform system of County Courts; to revise and amend the laws in relation to the organization and support of public schools; authorizing suit to be brought against corporations in any county where they have an agent; defining the inabilities of eleeping-car companies. The House was engaged in the discussion of several bills, but none were passed.

On the 20th, the following bills, etc., were signed by the President in the presence of the Senate: Concurrent resolution authorizing the cancelation of certain unexpended balances; Senate bill No. 41, authorizing the appointment of a Marshal and Janitor for the St. Louis Court of Appeals; Senate bill No. 37, permitting the Jury in civil cases to take the instructions to the jury-room; House bill for the destruction of rats. The bill suspending the sale of lands for taxes in the years 1877-8, was passed..... In the House, the approval of the Governor was received to the following bills: To punish illegal voting; Mr. Davis' rat bill; bill in relation to mines and miners; bill in relation to Stoddard through the total court and the petroleum bill; Senate bill be authorize school districts to increase by vote the annual rate of taxation from 40 cents to 60 cents. the cancelation of certain unexpended balances

No bills were passed by either Senate or

House on the 21st. On the 22d, the President, in the presence of the Senate, signed the bill providing for increasing the rate of taxation for school purposes The bill providing for appointment of Notaries Public in St. Louis was read a third time and Public in St. Louis was read a third time and passed. The bill providing for the enforcement of the payment of accounts for sums due from counties to the Lunait Asylum? for the support of insane poor was taken up and passed. Emergency clause adopted. Senate bill No. 21%, offering a reward for the discovery of a remedy for hig cholera, was passed. Senate bill No. 44%, amending the law in relation to carriers and bailees, was read a third time and passed..... In the House, Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on Griminal Jurisprudence, reported a bill requiring Justices of the Peace to have the evidence in all cases of homicide reduced to writing and signed by the witnesses. Report agreed to and bill ordered printed. Mr. Arnold, from the same committee, reported in favor of Senate bill to permit the defendants in all criminal cases to testify. The report was agreed to.

The Senate, on the 23d, passed the following bills and resolutions: House bill No. 73, to provide for the protection of trappers. 73, to previde for the protection of trappers. The bill prehibits the trapping of coons, minks, beavers and muskrats between the 1st of April and 1st of November; House joint resolution No. 17, memorializing Congress to make appropriation for the improvement of the channel of the Mississippi River; House concurrent resolution No. 21, asking congress to repeal the bankrupt law; House concurrent resolution No. bankrupt law; House concurrent resolution No. 24, in regard to a national system of levees on the Mississippt litter; Senate bill No. 165, for the protection of game, birds and animals..... The House passed the bill in relation to live stock in St. Louis (ity and county.

The Senate, on the 24th, was engaged

in discussion of a number of bills, chief among which was that of Senator Morrison, in reference to the issue of anticipation bonds or Treasury notes to meet existing deficiencies in the revenue laws.... In the House, Mr Butter, of Barton, called up for passage the act supplementary to the township organization repeal bill. Its principal provisions are:

SECTION 1. No election shall be held in any township in any county in this State under township organization on the first Treaslay in April 1877, for township officers, nor for members of the County Court; Provided that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent township officers now in office from holding their offices until the act to which this act is supplementary, shall go into effect.

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SEC. 2. In all counties now under township organization, the county evert shall, on the taking effect of the act abolishing township organization, appoint a collector of the revenue who shall hold his office until the next general election and until his successor shall be elected and qualified: Provided that the county Court of any such county may appoint the treasurer of the county the collector thereof: and when the county treasurer shall be appointed collector, he shall not receive a salary as treasurer greater than three hundred collects received in November, 1836, shall continue in effice and discharge all the duties of the same until the next general election.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the township trustees, within one week after said above recited act to which this act is supplementary takes effect, to make settlement with the county Clerks of their respective counties for all a host moneys and o her runds which shall have come takes effect, to make settlement with the county Cierks of their respective counties for all s boo moneys and o her tunds which shall have come into their hands by virtue of their respective of fices, and to pay to the County Treasurer mane. diately thereafter the amount, if any on such settlement.
The bill passed—ayes 55; nocs 5.

General Notes.

The following statement, in reply to the resolution of the House, has been prepared by the State Treasurer:

OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER, JEFFE SOS : ITY, March 19, 1877. Hon. Jao. F. Williams. Speaker of House of Representatives: Sir—in compliance with a res-olution passed by the flouse of Representatives

I have the honor to say that at this d in the Treasury the sum of \$1,150,440 belongs to the following funds, viz:	i, if, whic
State Interest fund, \$	207,769.5
State Revenue fund	18,363 8
State Sinking fund	235 . 6 0 4 6
State School fund.	6,974 6
State School moneys	54e 053 :
State seminary fund	95.6
State Library fund	1,456 5
Insurance Department fund,	25,305 1
Executor and Administrators' fund	19.19 19 1
Redemption of Lands fust	5, 2753, 3
Swamp Land Indemnity fund	1.803
County Revenue fund	919 1
Soldiers' and Orphans' fund	7947 2
Rend and Canal fund	644 3
Warrensburg (Johnson & Co.) Bond	
Interest fund.	21.0
Total	,1'5,416 1

The foregoing funds are deposited as follows-In Bank of St. Joseph, St. Joseph, . 21,034,985 4 Mo National Bank State of Missouri, St Louis, Mo...... National Exchange Bank, Jeffer-

The amount in the vault is composed of the
 Current fands
 \$ 13,151 83

 Wolf scalp certificates
 5 192 90

 Railroad tax receipts
 221 78

 Defense bond
 5 60

Boone County.

On the 19th, a fire at Providence destroyed property valued at \$15,000. Buchanan County.

Early on the morning of the 19th, as a freight train on the H. and St. J. railroad attached to engine 72 came down Lindsey's grade, between Kidder and Cameron, 40 miles east of St. Joe. a 10-foot span over Long's branch was found to have burned A POET asks: "O why do our chil- after the previous train, the east-bound rack. Engineer Green was covered up in that ought to be exterminated

MISSOURI STATE NEWS the mass, and was dead when taken out. slightly injured. It is thought the bridge over it.

Cooper County. A coal-oil lamp, in the hands of a colored the 30th, the burning fluid igniting the was Poetry. girl's dress and causing her death. was the daughter of Howard Bird.

Franklin County. The store of H. Berthold at Gray's Summit was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, the 18th. The loss was about \$9,000. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Greene County Frank Brotherton, who lives some 4 miles southeast of Springfield, came in on the chimney-sweeping. 19th, and surrendered himself to the Sheriff, stating that he had shot a negro named Jim Berry. His statement is that he had forbidden Berry to pass through his premises, and he persisted in doing so, thinks Berry will die-

Samuel Fulbright, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Greene County, committed suicide the night of the 19th by taking strychnine. He lost his wife | wife wants to stick her fingers tightly in some three months ago, and he had been her ears if she would escape hearing very despondent.

Millionaires' Palaces in San Francisco.

For nearly two years past, says the San Francisco Bulletin, the summit of California Street Hill has been the scene of building operations on a gigantic scale. The crown of this hill is the site selected by the railroad magnates for their residences. D. D. Colton was the first to build, erecting his house on the northwest corner of California and Taylor Streets several years ogo. Leland Stanford, the President, and Mark Hopkins, the Treasurer of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, purchased conjointly the block surrounded by California, Powell, Pine, and Mason Streets, which they began to improve over two years ago. Although Mr. Stanford's residence, at the southwest corner of California and Powell Streets, has been tenanted for some time, it is only very recently that it was completed. Mark Hopkins's house, at the southwest corner of California and Mason Streets, is well under way, the roofing being nearly finished. The house of Charles Crocker, at the northwest corner of California and Taylor Streets, is almost ready for occupancy.

These three buildings are the largest and most costly in the city. Hitherto no reliable estimate of the cost has ever been made public, being vaguely set a from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 each. Le land Stanford's residence has, however, cost a round \$2,000,000. The total outlay on the residence of Charles Crocker will amount to about \$2,300,000. Mark Hopkins's residence, which is the Then he took her wisp of false hair and most elaborate in design, will have cost when finished nearly \$3,000,000. Over \$7,000,000 is thus represented [in these three residences.

The external appearance of these dwellings gives the spectator but an indifferent idea of the costliness and ly enough left of them to make one .magnificence of the interior. No expense has been spared anywhere. The bath-rooms in the Crocker residence. for instance, have cost \$4,000 each, and there are about half a dozen of them in the building. Even the three-runged pear so unlovely a practice. Economy stepladder in Mr. Stanford's library is the proper adjustment of means to

cost over \$150. building when the plans were sub- what they could." There is certainly mitted. The plans were simply accept- no reason why a domestic economist terial being employed in their execu. women better, because the reward is tion.

SUET PUDDING .- 1 cupful chopped suct, 1 cupful Indian meal, a teaspoon- surround them .- New York World. ful soda; scald these together, make a thick batter; I cupful chopped appies, d cupful sugar, 2 eggs, 2 large tablespoonfuls of flour, & pound raisins, spices to taste; baked in a hot oven for 2 hours.

DR HAMMOND, the eminent authoricus actors and clope, and others write plunged into the chasm 20 feet deep, tender ty on nervous diseases, having carefully

WIT AND WISDOM.

THERE is no autocrat like the barber had caught fire from the train last passing who holds you by the nose while he talks.

WRITING verses came very easy to girl at Booneville, exploded on the night of Poe. He had but to try and his effort

> A man's dearest object should be his wife, but, alas! sometimes it is his wife's wardrobe. "Do fish hear?" asks an exchange.

> Don't know for certain-but they smell sometime-THE particular young man, looking

for a business to soot him, should try

Our in Nebraska they are giving concerts in aid of the grasshopper fund. That's quite 'oppertune.

WHEN a man jumps out of bed in when he shot him twice, from which he the dark at midnight, to fling a boot at an Electoral Commission of cats in the back yard, and places his barefoot on an eight-cornered piece of coal, his several pages of profane history in less than two minutes.

FATHER WHYTE testifies that the fatality at St. Xavier's Church, New York, was largely due to the fact that the women's dresses held them down and back. "If you are ever called to such a scene, gentlemen," he said "carry a pocket-knife, and cut the bands of the women's dresses." A skirt-cutter should henceforth form part of every gentleman's full-dress outfit, to be worn until long dresses are abolished.

A FRENCH humorist writes: A doctor at a sick man's bedside says to the wife of the invalid, "It is my painful duty to inform you that your husband has but a short time to live." "What!" exclaimed the surprised wife. "Do you not see," says the doctor, " that already his hands are purple?" "I know it," responded the wife, "but he is a dyer." "When that's so," coolly continues the doctor, "I must confess that you are very fortunate, for if he had not been a dyer he would be a dead man."

A WOMAN out on North Hill, being counted out the other morning, after a debate on the question "Who shall arise and build the fire?" got up and split her husband's wooden leg into kindling-wood, and broiled his steak with it. It made him so mad that he got hold of her false teeth and bit the dog with them. She cried until she had a fit of hysterics, and then filliped out his glass eye, and climbed upon the bed-post, and waxed the glaring eye to the coiling with a quid of chewing-gum. tied it to a stick, and began whitewashing the kitchen with it. Then she started off to obtain a divorce, but Judge Newman decided that he couldn't grant a divorce unless there were two parties to the suit, and there was hard-Hawk-eye.

Household Economy.

It is unfortunate for housewives that economy has always been made to apan end-the perfect expenditure of In all the interior woodwork the most forces at our disposal. This sounds valuable timber, specially imported well; better, it is true. If any thing from South America, has been employ- more is needed to restore self-respect ed. This has been handsomely carved and respect for her calling to any little and highly polished. All of the finish- woman struggling with the inflammaed woodwork (even to the window tion of her weekly bills, or to enlist the sashes and frames) for each of the three attention of those whose views soar houses has been made at the railroad wide and far of domestic cares, Oikonoworkshops at Oakland Point. A large min-the law of the house-gives at quantity of furniture for the Stanford once birth and breeding to this pariah and Crocker residences has been made of household customs and an air o also in the same establishments. Mas- headship which will be pleasant for sive pieces of farniture for the Crocker | many women to contemplate into whose residence are being manufactured at hands fall its disposal and adjustment, the railroad workshops. The elaborate- "The most genuine delight I ever exly carved frame work of the handsome perienced," said a lady unaccustomed conservatory recently built on the Pine to skillful household management, Street side of the Stanford mansion was "was on seeing the naked bones of a also made at the railroad shops at a piece of meat which had served three cost, in round figures, of \$30,000. The meals, first as roast, then sliced cold, appointments of the various rooms in and finally as hash, the cook having each of these mansions have been pre- literally picked the bones. I felt as if pared with the same disregard of cost. my horizon had suddenly enlarged. It The architects represent that no esti- was beautiful. I waved her to take mate was a ade of the cost of either them away saying, "They have done ed, the best and most expensive ma- leal economist. It would suit most more appreciable, affecting as it does the happiness and prosperity of those they love most and who immediately

> A TALENTED and bighly educated young woman whose husband had robbed and deserted her was found at Bristol, England, recently wandering about with some Italians and grinding a hand-organ. She had fallen in with these vagrants, being destitute and able beast to talk Italian, and had finally become the mistress of one of them.